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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ARMS SHIPMENTS

1. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN VISITING LISBON INFORMS EMBASSY THAT HAROLD STERN, RECTOR MINERAL TRADING COMPANY, NEW YORK/ PHILADELPHIA, IS A LONG ESTABLISHED ARMS AND MUNITIONS SUPPLIER TO BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE FIRMS IN PORTUGAL. STERN REPORTEDLY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REQUESTS DURING RECENT MONTHS FROM PRIVATE FIRMS/INDIVIDUALS IN PORTUGAL REGARDING SUPPLYING ARMS.

2. EMBASSY HAS REPORTS OF VARIOUS GROUPS SEEKING ARMS FROM THIRD COUNTRY ARMS SUPPLIERS. REQUEST WHATEVER INFORMATION OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL CAN SUPPLY REGARDING PURCHASES IN U.S. OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS BY PRIVATE PORTUGUSE FIRMS/INDIVIDUALS DURING 1973, 1974, AND 1975. SUCH RECORDS OBVIOUSLY WILL PROVIDE ONLY PART OF TOTAL FOREIGN PURCHASES BUT MAY INDICATE LEVEL OF ARMS PURCHASES BY IRREGULAR MILITIA GROUPS.
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